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Subject: Depression over Jharkhand

Depression over Jharkhand moved slowly west-northwestwards with a speed of 3 kmph during past 6 hours and lay centred at 1730 hrs IST of today, the 18th August, 2026, over the same region, near latitude 24.1°N and longitude 85.3°E, close to north-northwest of Hazaribagh (Jharkhand), 90 km north of Ranchi (Jharkhand), 80 km south-southeast of Gaya (Bihar), 130 km east of Daltonganj (Jharkhand) and 150 km southeast of Dehri (Bihar).

It is very likely to continue to move west-northwestwards across Jharkhand & Bihar and weaken into a well marked low pressure area during next 12 hours.

Warnings:

(i) Rainfall Warning:

Gangetic West Bengal: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy rainfall at isolated places on 18th August.

Odisha: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places on 18th August.

Jharkhand: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places & extremely heavy rainfall (≥ 21 cm) is very likely at isolated places on 18th August; heavy rainfall at isolated places on 19th August.

Chhattisgarh: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall is very likely at isolated places on 18th August and heavy rainfall at isolated places on 19th August.

Bihar: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy rainfall at isolated places on 18th & 19th August.

East Uttar Pradesh: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places & extremely heavy rainfall at isolated places over southeast Uttar Pradesh is very likely on 18th & 19th August.

East Madhya Pradesh: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places & extremely heavy rainfall at isolated places over southeast Uttar Pradesh is very likely on 18th August and heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places on 19th & 20th August.

(ii) Wind Warning:

- ❖ Squally winds with speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph are likely to prevail over North Bay of Bengal & along and off West Bengal-Bangladesh; Odisha & north Andhra Pradesh coasts till morning of 19th August and would decrease gradually thereafter.
- ❖ Squally winds with speed reaching 35-45 kmph gusting to 55 kmph are likely over Jharkhand and adjoining Bihar & north Chhattisgarh till morning of 19th August.

(iii) Sea Condition:

- ❖ **Sea condition is very likely to be rough to moderate** over North Bay of Bengal & along and off West Bengal-Bangladesh; Odisha & north Andhra Pradesh coasts till morning of 19th August and improve gradually thereafter.

(iv) Fishermen Warning (Graphics Attached):

- ❖ Fishermen are advised not to venture into North Bay of Bengal & along and off West Bengal-Bangladesh; Odisha & north Andhra Pradesh coasts till morning of 19th August.

(v) Impact Expected and Action Suggested due to heavy rainfall and squally winds

Impact expected:

- ❖ Breaking of tree branches, Horticulture crops like banana, papaya, drum sticks may be affected. Strong wind and rain may damage plantation, horticulture and standing crops.
- ❖ Partial damage to vulnerable structures due to strong winds and rain.
- ❖ Minor damage to kutcha houses/walls, huts and roads due to heavy rain.
- ❖ Loose objects may fly.
- ❖ Small ships, trawlers and boats may be affected.
- ❖ Road and rail traffic may be affected due to heavy rain and squally winds.
- ❖ Localised landslides, mudslides, landslips, water logging, inundation over low lying areas.
- ❖ Occasional reduction in visibility due to heavy rainfall.
- ❖ Helicopter services may get affected.

Action suggested:

- ❖ People are advised to keep a watch on the weather for worsening conditions and be ready to move to safer places accordingly.
- ❖ Take safe shelters; do not take shelter under trees, as there could be lightning.
- ❖ In case of expected lightning, unplug electrical/ electronic appliances, immediately, get out of water bodies and keep away from all the objects that conduct electricity.
- ❖ Tourism and recreational activities to be regulated.
- ❖ Helicopter services to be regulated.

Next bulletin will be issued at 0230 hours IST of tomorrow, the 19th August, 2026.

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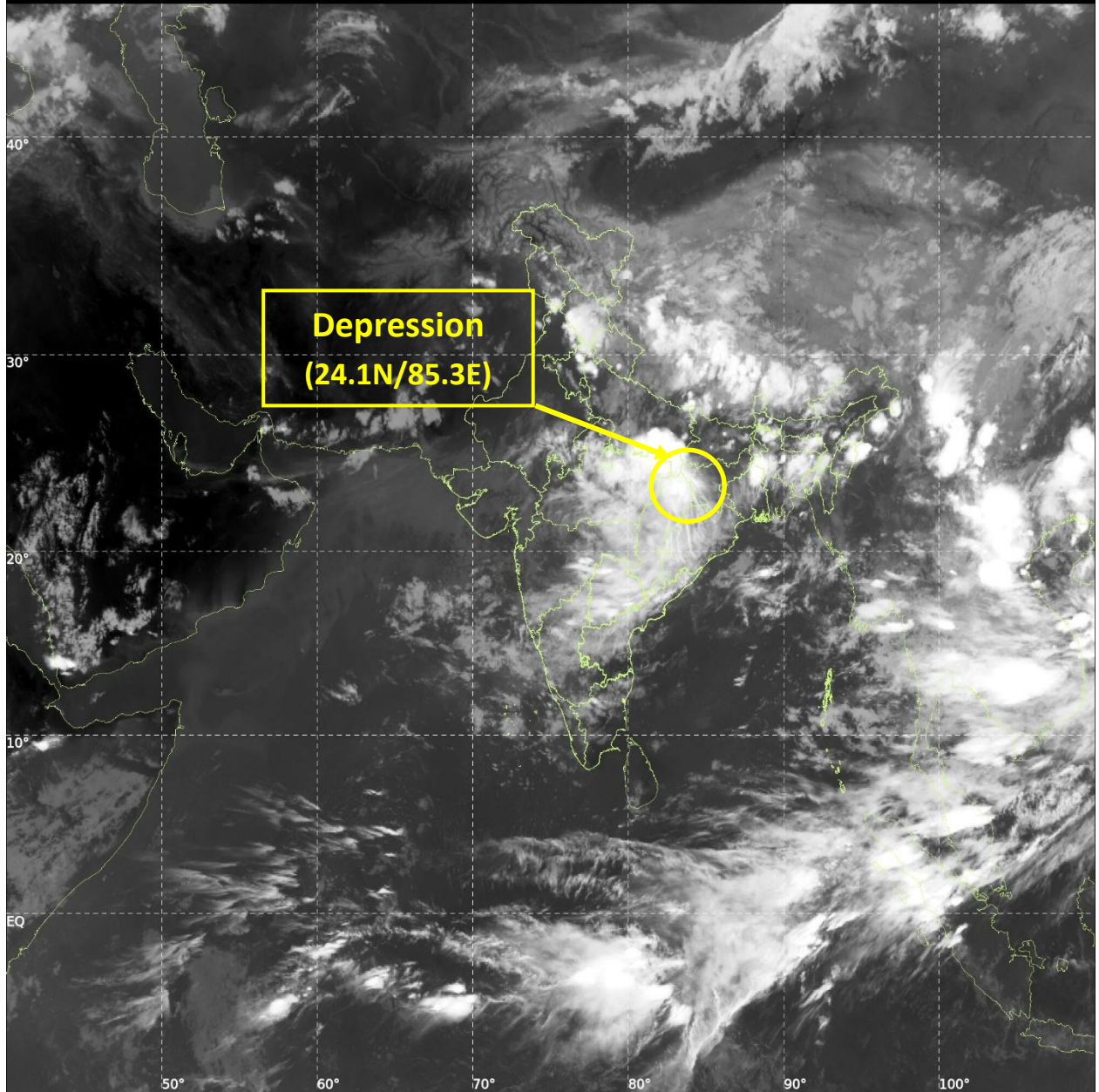
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INSAT-3DS IMG, Thermal Infrared1 Count @ 10.83 μm
GMT:18-08-2026/(1400-1427) IST:18-08-2026/(1930-1957)
LIC MERCATOR (LINEAR STRETCH: 1%)

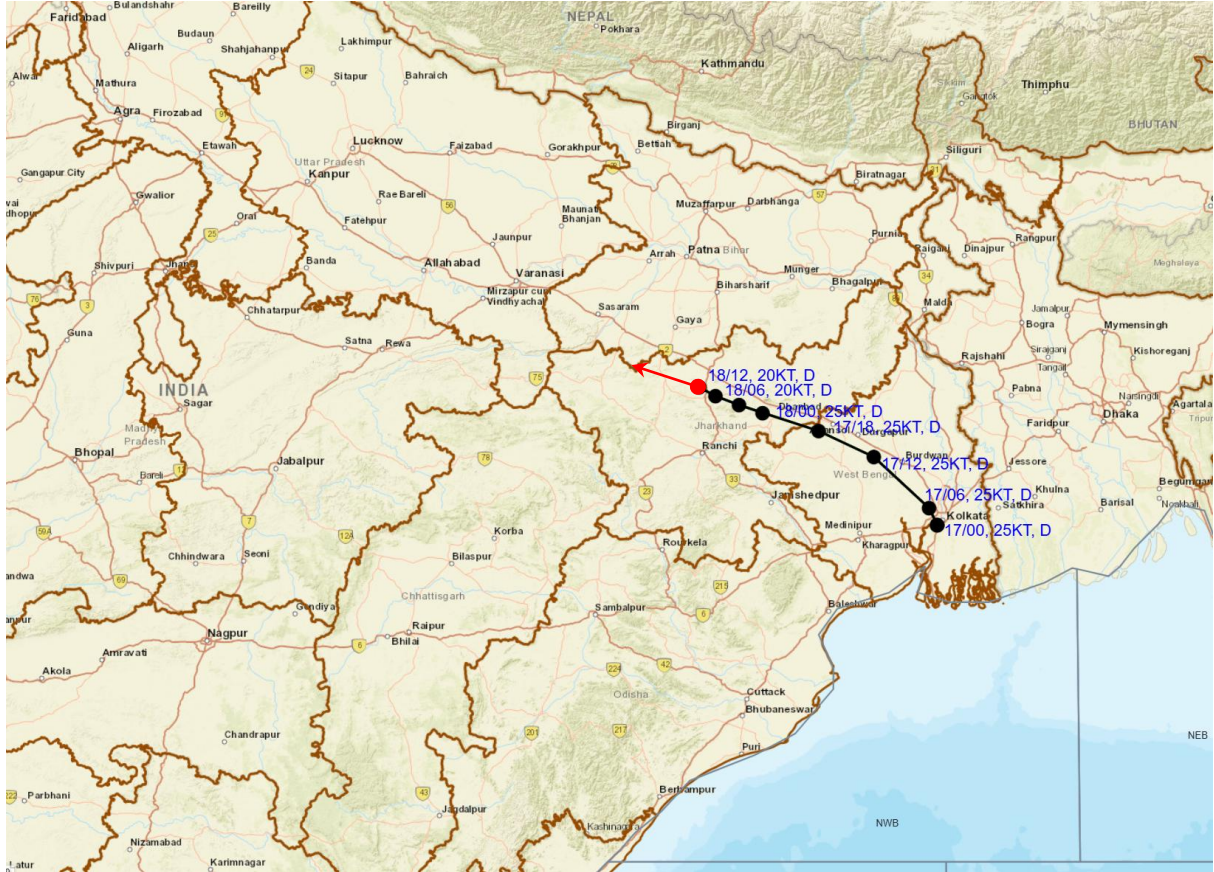
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OBSERVED AND FORECAST TRACK OF DEPRESSION OVER JHARKHAND BASED ON 1200 UTC (1730 Hrs. IST) OF 18TH AUGUST 2026



DATE/TIME IN UTC

IST = UTC + 0530

L: LOW PRESSURE AREA

D: DEPRESSION (17-27 KT)

DD: DEEP DEPRESSION (28-33 KT)

CS: CYCLONIC STORM (34-47 KT)

SCS: SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (48-63 KT)

VSCS: VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (64-89 KT)

ESCS: EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (90-119 KT)

SuCS: SUPER CYCLONIC STORM (≥ 120 KT)

● LESS THAN 34 KT

○ 34-47 KT

○ ≥ 48 KT

— OBSERVED TRACK

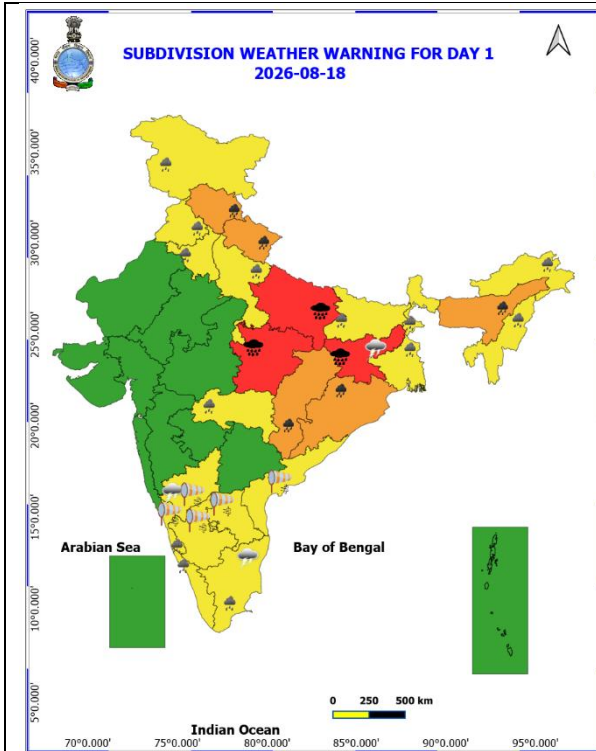
— FORECAST TRACK

▲ CONE OF UNCERTAINTY

Forecast distance (km) and direction of the centre from nearest 5 coastal stations

Forecast Date and Time	Lead Period (hrs)	Lat	Lon	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4	Station 5
18.08.26/1200	0	24.1	85.3	Hazaribagh (10, NNW)	RANCHI (90, N)	GAYA (80, SSE)	DALTONGANJ (130, E)	DEHRI (150, SE)

Weather Warning Graphics



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|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Fog | Heavy Snow | Cold Wave |
| Heavy Rain | Dust Storm | Cold Day |
| Very Heavy Rain | Heat Wave | Ground Frost |
| Extremely Heavy Rain | Warm Night | |
| Thunder & Lightning | Hot Day | |
| Hailstorm | Hot & Humid | |
| Dust Raising Winds | Strong Surface Winds | |

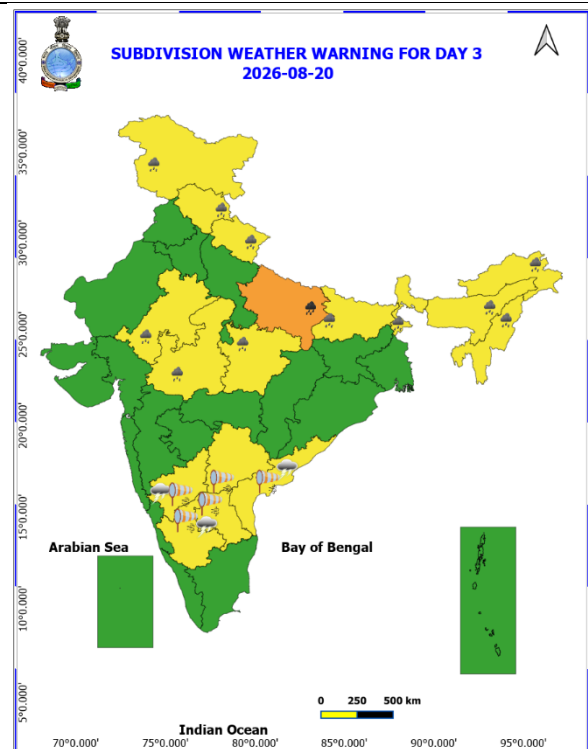
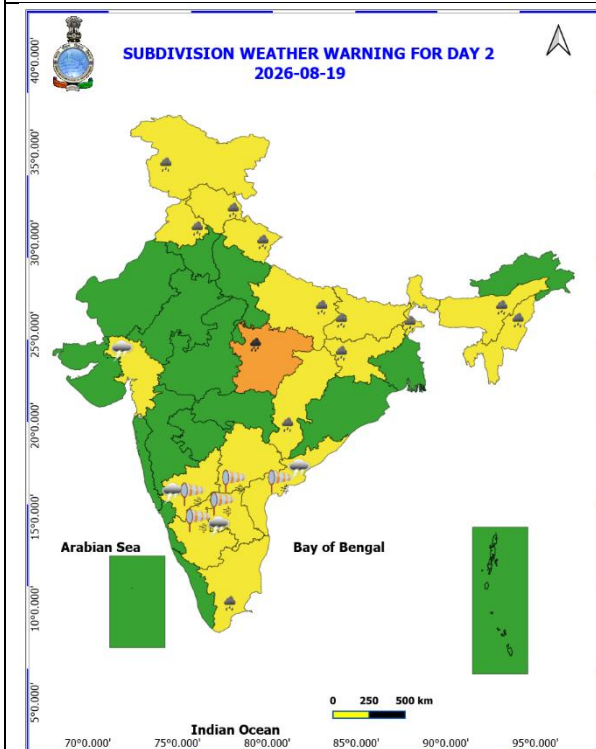
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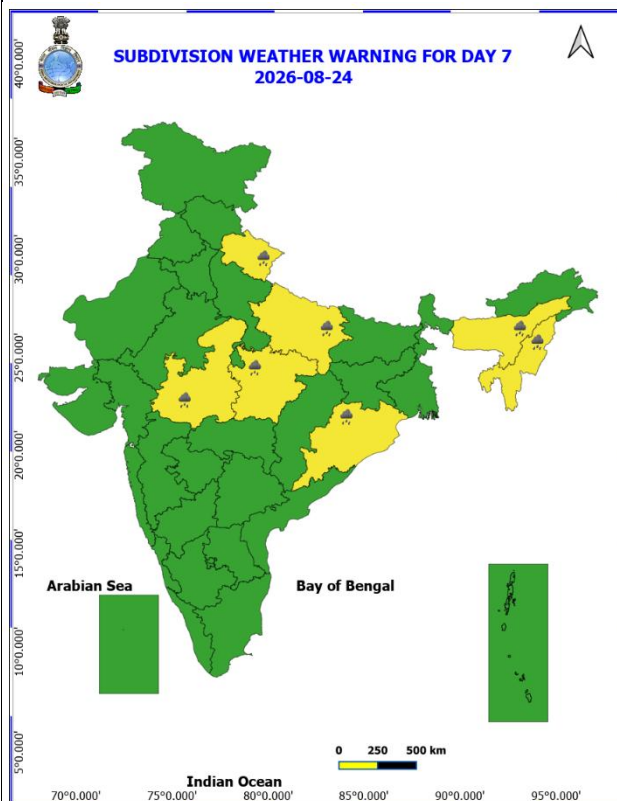
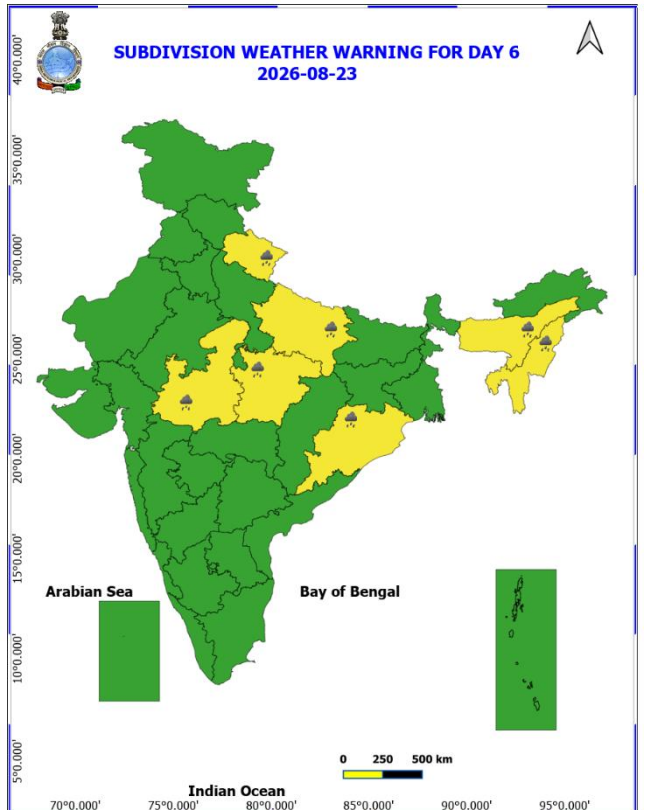
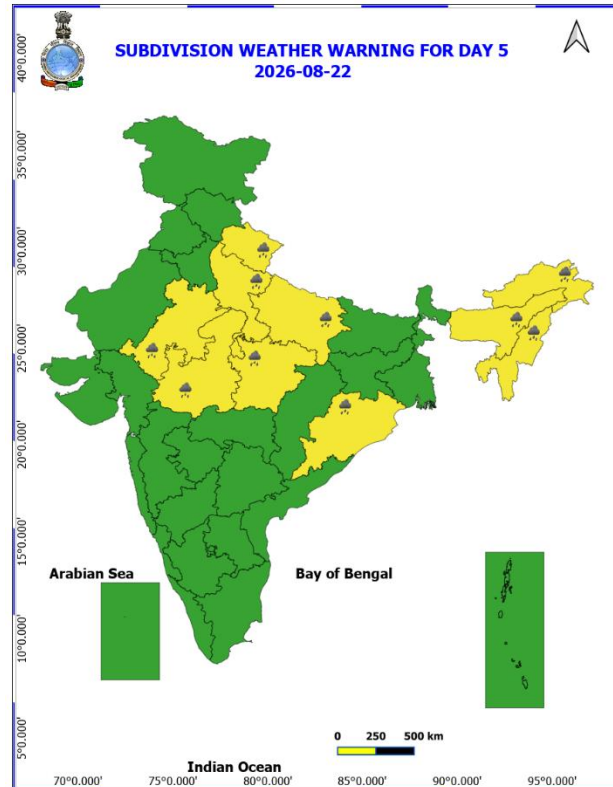
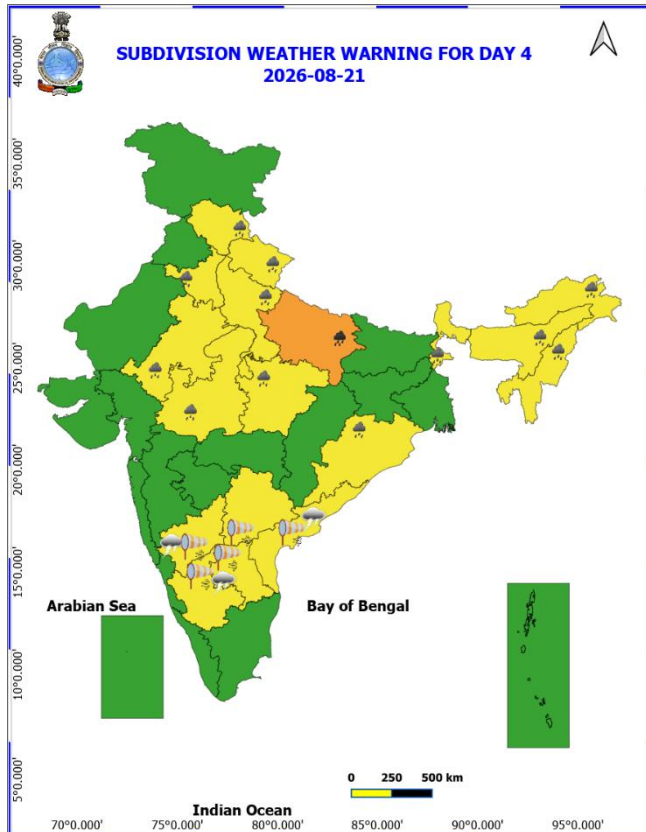
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Watch (Be Aware)

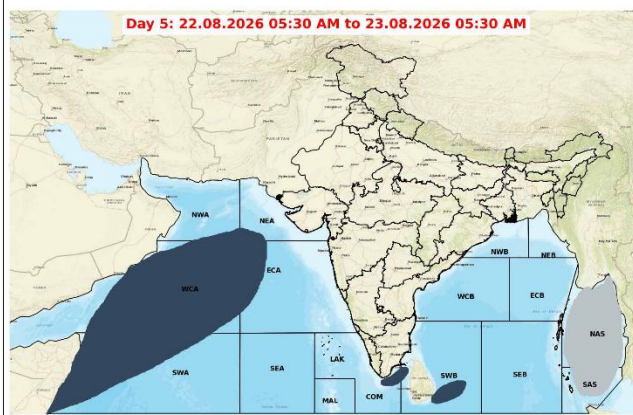
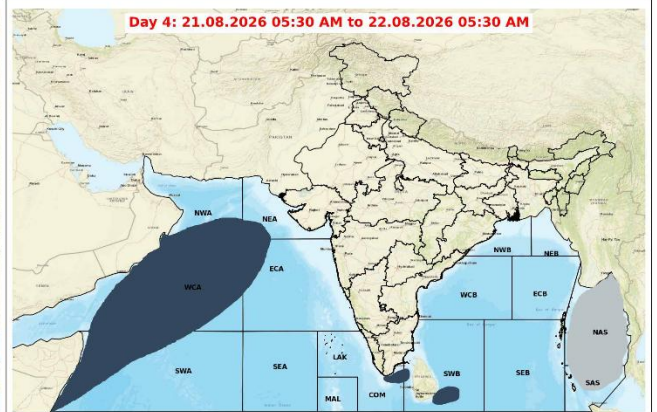
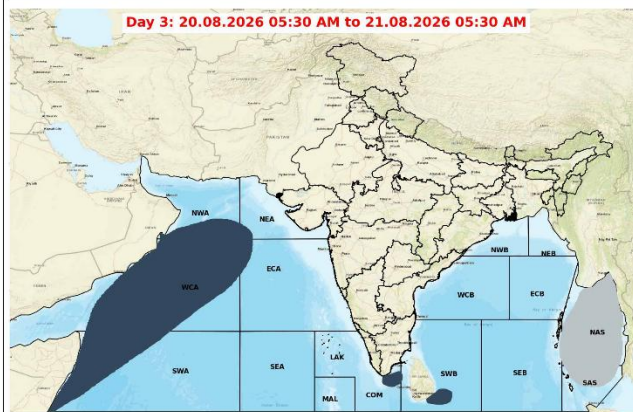
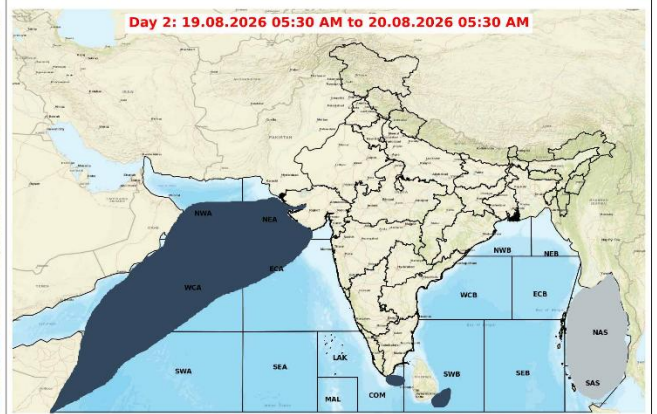
Alert (Be Prepared To Take Action)

Warning (Take Action)





Fishermen Warning Graphics



Legend

Squally Weather with wind speed 35-45 kmph gusting to 55 kmph	Squally wind with speed 55-65 kmph gusting to 75 kmph
Squally Weather with wind speed 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph	CS with Gale winds with speed 60-80 kmph gusting to 90 kmph
Squally Weather with wind speed 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph	SCS with Gale wind speed 90-110 kmph gusting to 120 kmph
Squally wind with speed 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph	VSCS with Gale wind speed 120-165 kmph gusting to 185 kmph
Squally wind with speed 50-60 kmph gusting to 70 kmph	ESCS with Gale wind speed 165-220 kmph gusting to 245 kmph

Fishermen are advised not to venture into the marked areas.